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Ms. Jil Swearingen
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Dear Jil:

From June 8-15, 2006, I conducted aerial detection surveys for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at 33 USDI National Park Service sites in and around Washington, DC The surveyed sites are listed below:

Anacostia Park
Barnard Hill Park
Battery Kemble Park
Baltimore-Washington Parkway (south of MD Rt 175)
Dumbarton Oaks Park
Ft. Bunker Hill Park
Ft. Chaplin Park
Fort Davis Park
Ft. Dupont Park
Ft. Duncan
Ft. Foote Park
Ft. Mahan Park
Ft. Slocum Park
Ft. Stanton Park
Ft. Totten Park
Ft. Washington Park
Glover Archbold Park
Great Falls (south end of C&O Canal)
Greenbelt Park
Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens
Little Forest Park
Melvin Hazen Park
Meridian Hill Park
Montrose Park
Oxon Hill Farm
Oxon Run Parkway
Piscataway Park
Potomac Parkway
Rock Creek Park
Shepherd Parkway
Soapstone Valley Park
Suitland Parkway
Whitehaven Parkway

Defoliation was detected at Fort Mahan Park, Fort Chaplin Park, Fort Dupont Park, Fort Stanton Park, Suitland Parkway, and Oxon Hill Farm. Approximately 15.4 acres of light defoliation (31-50%) were detected on NPS lands, while 3.1 acres of light defoliation were detected on adjacent lands (Figures 1-3). Similar to last year, the defoliation was likely caused by fall cankerworm, *Alsophila pometaria*.

However, if you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2007, please contact Brad Onken at (304) 285-1546 or me at (304) 285-1555 before August 25, 2006.

Please contact me at (304) 285-1555 if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey or survey letter.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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Figure 1. -- Results of the aerial detection survey conducted at the National Capital Region Parks on June 8, 2006.

Figure 2. -- Results of the aerial detection survey conducted at the National Capital Region Parks on June 8, 2006.

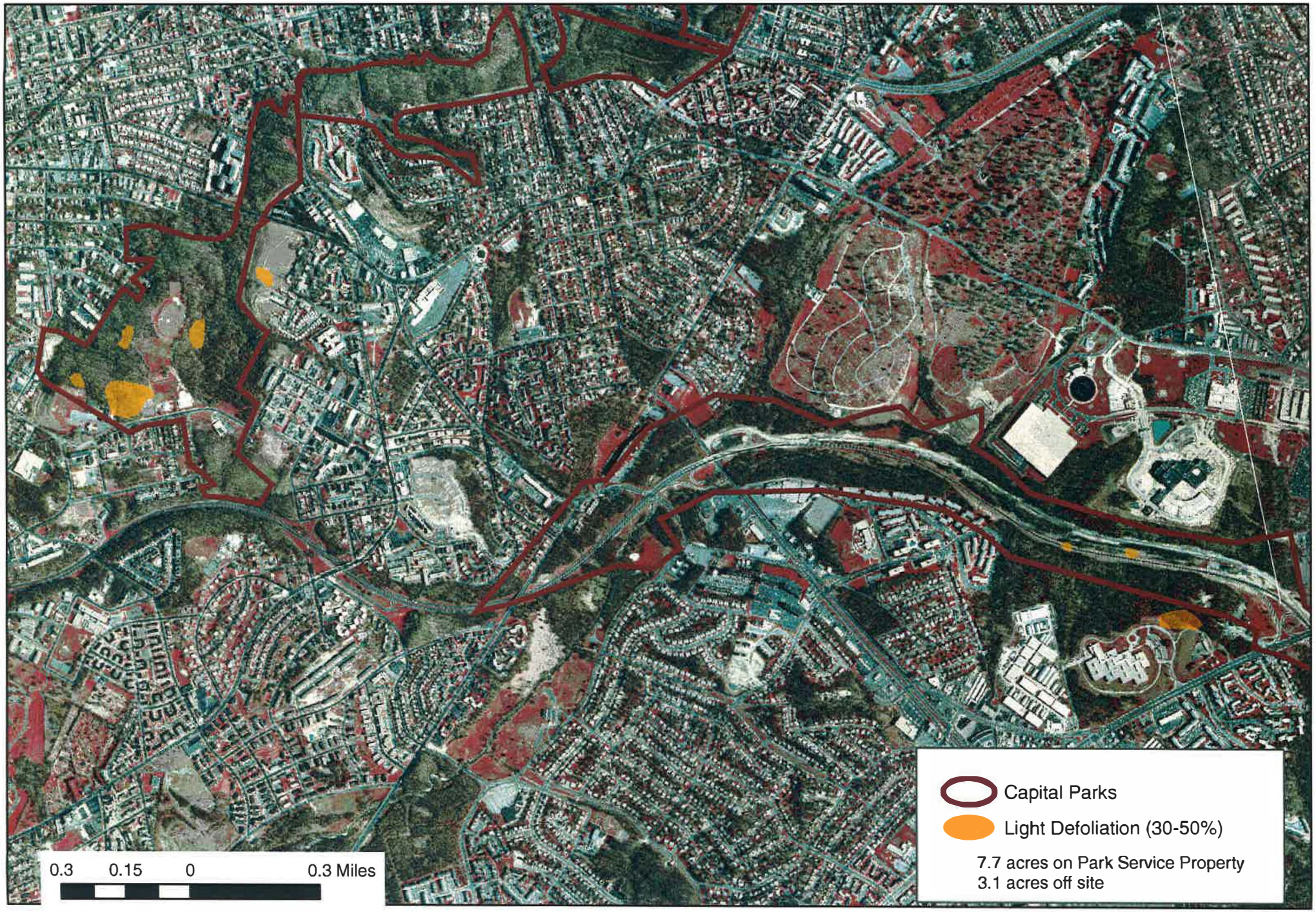

Figure 3. -- Results of the aerial detection survey conducted at the National Capital Region Parks on June 8, 2006.